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SUBJ: W/W ARREST: BRITISH, CANADIAN, AND FINNISH CITIZENS

REF: COTONOU 1267

1. LOME: JOHN MCMAHON, BRITISH, AND ROBERT SCHRAFF, CANADIAN, WERE TRAPPED BETWEEN TOGO AND BENIN WITH TOGOLESE VISAS EXPIRED AND ENTRY REFUSED TO BENIN. SIX OTHERS OF SAME PARTY, INCLUDING AMERICANS, UNDER ARREST IN COTONOU. ON AUGUST 3 VICE CONSUL WENT TO BORDER TO ASSIST, AND MCMAHON AND SCHARFF PERMITTED TO REENTER TOGO. THEY ASKED AMCIT CARYLYN MANSON TO RETURN TO TOGO AFTER RELEASE FROM JAIL, PROMISING TO LOOK FOR HER BEFORE U.S. CULTURAL CENTER EACH DAY AT NOON. MISS MANSON PLANS CONTINUE WITH REST OF GROUP TO LAGOS, WHERE PARTY WILL REMAIN SEVEN TO TEN DAYS FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS. TOUR LEADER MARR URGES THEM TO HITCHIKE AROUND BENIN AND JOIN THEM IN LAGOS. PLEASE PASS MESSAGES.

2. LAGOS: PLEASE ADVISE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT MCMAHON OUT OF TROUBLE, BUT MARR REMAINS IN JAIL WITH NO APPARENT PROGRESS ON HIS RELEASE. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE FINNISH EMBASSY THAT WHILE MARAJATTA ROSTEDT STILL IN
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JAIL, HER TWO CHILDRED RELEASED TO CARE OF CONSUL AFTER PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF DIRECTOR OF STATE POLICE.

3. ACCRA: PLEASE ADVISE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT ROBERT SCHRFF OUT OF TROUBLE. CONSUL HAD CHANCE TO TALK FURTHER WITH ANDRE GASTONGUAY, WHO ARRESTED FOR PHOTO-TAKING ON AUGUST 1. CANADIAN COMMUNITY AWARE HIS

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ARREST AND PROVIDING MEALS. PLEASE ADVISE DANISH EMBASSY
THAT ERLING FREDSGAARD AND TORGEN KIIL NIELSEN NOW HAVE ARR-
ANGEMENT WITH RESTAURANT FOR MEALS. U.S. CONSUL OCCUPIED
WITH OTHER ARRESTS AND UNABLE TO PUSH DANISH CASES. WE
RECOMMEND DANISH DIPLOMAT VISIT COTONOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO COORDINATE AND ADVISE. WHILE REASON
FOR DANISH ARRESTS UNCERTAIN, THEY BEFRIENDED BENINESE
VILLAGER WHO ARRESTED WITH THEM. SUCH FRATERNIZATION FROWNED
UPON.
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